**Washington**, **DC** – U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced Thursday that the city of Elmendorf has received \$1.6 million in USDA loan and grant funding through the Water and Waste Disposal program. The funding will go toward constructing a potable water supply facility to supplement Elmendorf's water sources and lessen the city's dependence on the San Antonio Water System.

"The USDA Rural Development Agency has been a leader in providing clean drinking water and sewage facilities to our smaller communities, which are often at a disadvantage when it comes to these basic services," said Congressman Ciro Rodriguez. "I commend our State Director, Paco Valentin, and his staff for their leadership and I'm pleased and grateful that Elmendorf has been chosen as a recipient for these important funds."

The project will include a water well, filtration treatment plant, ground storage tank, support building with high service pumps, a pressure tank and a 12-inch water main.

"USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Programs target public health benefits and economic opportunities in America's rural communities," Valentin said. "This project will help make the environment cleaner and protect the public health of area residents."